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A STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROGRAM

WM. PARKE HESTON

There are not many churches that have the opportunity to engage in a stained glass window program such as was available in our parish. The windows "In Situ" were in locations that meant their practical incorporation into the plan. The balance of windows available made it possible to create an Iconography. Thus was created a pictorial story using new and old windows.

The Memorials Committee of the Vestry had these factors to consider. There were twenty windows in the church available as memorials. There were four windows in the vestibule. The window over the High Altar "In Situ" was a memorial depicting the "Ascension." The window in the back of the church "In Situ" was a memorial depictng "Christ Raising the Daughter of Jairus." Sixteen of the windows mentioned above were the same size and all were located in the nave and transcepts. One larger window in the north Transcept, a rose window in the south Transcept and two windows in the Sanctuary.

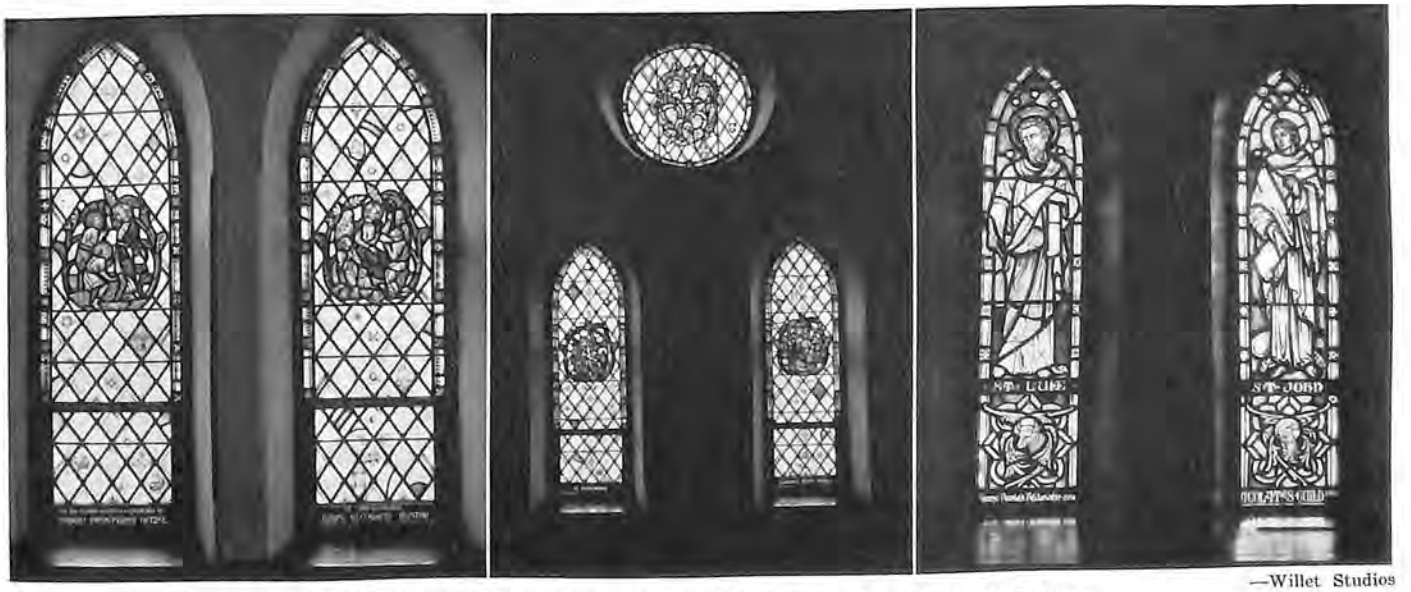
The committee secured suggestions for design and bids from three stained glass studios, for these twenty windows plus the four in the vestibule.

The design agreed upon contained a medallion depicting the theme of the particular window and pertinent symbols located in the various parts of the field. At the bottom a glass inscription was inserted containing the name or names of the persons memorialized.

The price of each of the sixteen windows was the same. The same design was adopted for the Sanctuary and larger north Transcept windows but the prices on these varied from that of the sixteen.

An Iconography was planned taking into consideration the windows "In Situ." Starting with the first window in the south Transcept and working clockwise from there to the back of the church and then front on the north side to the window over the High Altar and ending with the window on the Epistle side of the Sanctuary was depicted the "Story of the Life of Christ," from the Annunciation to Penticost. The Iconography contained also the four windows in the vestibule. These are full length figures of the four Evangelists with subject symbols beneath. The rose window depicted the Cherubim in a medallion.

Thus the Vestry through the Memorials Committee had a window program based upon price, design of window and an Iconography, to present to the congregation. The Iconography



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SOME OF THE WINDOWS IN CHRIST CHURCH, RIDLEY PARK

contained the following subjects: Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Christ in the Temple, Baptism, Temptation, Call of the Disciples, Sermon on the Mount, Raising the Daughter of Jairus, (In Situ), Blessing of the Children, Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan, Christ and the Woman at Well, Transfiguration, Agony in the Garden, The Last Supper, Crucifixion, Ascension (In Situ) and Pentecost.

If an individual, wishing to place a memorial window in our church wanted a particular location he then knew what the subject would be. If he desired a subject he therefore knew the location. He also knew the design and the price in all cases. After the first window was installed he could also see what the workmanship and color would be.

In summing up this rather involved explanation of what has been accomplished in our church we think the following facts are established, namely: Uniformity of workmanship and design has been accomplished; a hodgepodge collection of subjects has been prevented and lastly a beautiful symbolic depiction of the world's greatest story "The Life of Christ" has been created.

Today we are waiting for the installation of the final window, "The Last Supper." In approximately five years this program was instigated and nears completion in Christ Church Parish, Ridley Park, Pa.

EVALUATION OF YEAR'S PROGRAM ESSENTIAL TO GOOD WORK

In *Program Suggestions*, published by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Central New York, there is a section called Evaluation of the Year's Program. It is here quoted in full:

As important as having definite aims is the necessity of finding ways of checking progress. These questions are being presented as helps in group evaluation:

What are the major purposes of this group?

What real needs do these purposes serve for individual people?

How far is the present program living up to its purpose?

Is this program being integrated with activities of other parish groups?

Is our program more effective than it was six months, a year, two years ago? If not, what is wrong? What can be done to correct this?

In what specifically educational projects does this group engage?

Study programs

Speakers and lectures

Training its own leaders

Contributing leaders to other parish work

Contributing leaders to district and diocesan Church needs

Co-operating with other parish groups

Holding workshop study groups

Concern for meeting individual needs and problems

Other.

What resources for this group exist in the parish that are not being used?

How might they be drawn upon to better advantage?

List suggestions as to ways in which you would like outside help from your diocesan and district officers, especially the Educational Committee, which you are not now receiving.

Christian Living Conferences

Already the influence of the Christian Living Conferences is being felt in this Diocese, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the inspiring leadership of the National Team, the Rev. Grant A. Morrill, Mrs. Elwood Haines, and Miss Helene Schnurbush, — three persons with radiating personalities who in the weeks they spent as members of our Diocesan family endeared themselves to all of us. We wish them "Godspeed" as they continue their work in the other Dioceses of our Church. We know that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit they will continue to be able to share their strong convictions, their zeal and enthusiasm with many others and thus strengthen the national Church.

About five-thousand benefitted from the Conferences as they were being held in our Diocese, which means that five-thousand persons in this Diocese have a clear insight into what a tremendous challenge is our work to the members of our Church today. Every parish of this Diocese now has a group of men and women who can sit down with their rector and discuss how their parish can become a vital instrument of "real Christian Living."

The Central Committee, which was asked to promote the Christian Living Conferences in this Diocese, has now been dismissed, and the follow-up has been entrusted to the Adult Committee of the Department of Christian Education. This Committee has been enlarged and has among its members leading lay men and lay women. This Committee would like to hear from the various parishes that have already started a follow-up with parish meetings and programs in order that they may get an over-all picture of what is happening in the Diocese.

At the closing meeting of the Christian Living Conferences held in the Church of the Holy Apostles and The Mediator, the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, Chairman of the Central Committee, presented small gifts to the members of the National Team as a remembrance of their stay in this Diocese.

Mrs. Haines Mr. Morrill Miss Schnurbush

LENTEN PREACHERS AT CATHEDRAL

There will be special preachers at the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock during Lent, as follows: Feb. 19, Rev. James M. Niblo; Feb. 26, Rev. Wm. N. Lanigan: Mar. 5, Bishop Roberts; Mar. 12, Bishop Armstrong; Mar. 19, Bishop Hart; Mar. 26, Rev. Charles H. Long.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Churchwoman's Club the following officers were elected for 1953:

President, Mrs. Thomas N. Walker; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Birchall Hammer; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Charles A. Coulomb, Mrs. Harrison Wright; Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Semple; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Grace Stewart; Treasurer, Miss Bertha Bennett; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Clara Bauman.

The following members were elected to the Executive Board: Mrs. Harlan Bower, Miss Leah Coulter, Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Mrs. Harry Dickens, Miss Agnes Dickson, Mrs. Oliver J. Hart, Miss G. Jenkins, Mrs. John E. Fretz, Mrs. J. Kennedy, Miss Gnade Jakob, Mrs. Ernest Scott, Miss Anne M. Ross, Miss Emma O. Thompson, Mrs. Frederick H. Platt, Mrs. Druitt Crawford, Mrs. Henry Markle, Miss Anna Betson, Mrs. Henry Meikle.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev Charles E. Greene, who has been curate of Trinity Church, Ambler, was elected as rector of that parish in January.

On February 1st Bishop Hart instituted the Rev. Elof F. Johnson, formerly curate at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, as rector of St. Simeon's Church, 9th and Lehigh Avenue.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The Rev. Waldemar Jansen, who is now retired from active parish work and resides in Norristown, was ordained deacon in June, 1903.

The Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis became rector of the Church of the Incarnation, which was located at Broad and Jefferson Streets, in 1903, and continued in that relationship until his retirement in 1940.

The Rev. George R. Miller went to St. Nathanael's Church, Kensington, in 1903 and continued to serve that parish until he retired from the rectorship in 1941.

Bishop Hart's Message

I am very grateful for the response all over the diocese to the Christian Living Conferences. They were imperfect offerings but where those attending have been willing to accept the positive values of the Conference and have determined to do something about it in their own parishes, I am convinced that great good will result. One man writes, "The Christian Living Conference was wonderful for our parish. In reporting to our congregation, we told them that we now understood what our rector had been trying to emphasize. Thank you for bringing to us this refreshment and challenge." A clergyman writes, "The time has long since passed when the Church can exist by "just muddlin' through." The Church never was meant to "exist" because it is a sent people; "Go ye" were the Lord's words. No people have ever been able to maintain the status quo, the choice lies between retrogression and progress. If the Church is to go forward the motion must be started by "you" in your family and in the local Fellowship of the Parish. For this continuing forward thrust we have an inexhaustable source of power; the same Lord who said "Go ye" also said "Lo, I am with you even to the end of the age." We know that we can trust absolutely in His promises, that we can depend on His help and guidance. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." He will be present with us in this Parish, and together with Him, we will go forward individually and as a Fellowship."

I am sure that we all have a clearer vision of the teaching value of the entire life of the Parish. I remember hearing a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary (before I came to this Diocese) report at the Annual Convention of the Auxiliary that their Auxiliary had had a very successful and flourishing year. At the same time, the delegates from that Parish were reporting that during the past year, their Parish had failed utterly in the support of the Church's work. This clearly revealed that the women of the Auxiliary were not thinking of the Parish as a whole but were thinking of their Auxiliary as a little private part of the Church's life and work. Now I think we see, whether we are thinking of the Church School, the Auxiliary or the Vestry or any other part of the Church's work, that we must think of it in connection with the life of the Parish as a whole. I hope that during the remaining weeks this Spring, those who attended the Parish Conferences will, together with their Rector, pursue the matters brought out in the Christian Living Conferences and together work out plans for making our Parishes more effective and more vital.

YOUR BISHOP

Oliver J. Hart

IMPROVEMENTS AT TRINITY CHURCH, SOLEBURY

Since the enlargement and renovation of the Chapel a few years ago, the members of Trinity, Solebury, have been making improvements on the Parish House. The kitchen was completely renovated and refurnished at a cost of $6000; beautiful new cabinets were built in the sacristy and hall; new plumbing was installed, and new tile floors laid. The hall has been completely redecorated and it is now in the process of being rewired and new fixtures are being installed. The total cost of all this work will be approximately $10,000.

FASHION SHOW FOR THE HOUSE OF REST

The Committee for the House of Rest Bridge and Fashion Show, to be held at the Wanamaker Auditorium on Thursday, April 30th; is at work on plans for that day, to be reserved in your date book, now.

Last year's party was a great success, and it is hoped that with the continued support of the Women of the Diocese, April 30, 1953 will be a "Red Letter Day" in the Life of The House of Rest.

The tables are $5. each. Make checks payable to: "The House of Rest for the Aged" and send to Mrs. Philip E. Ronzone, 500 Waln Road, Custis Woods, Glenside, Pa.

GO SEE ST. JOHN'S SETTLEMENT HOUSE

The Diocesan Committee and the Department of Christian Social Relations are sponsoring on April 8 and 9, two "Go-See" expeditions to view new developments at St. John's Settlement House, 1332 North 12th Street, Philadelphia 22.

These trips, planned for members of the Woman's Auxiliary and their friends, will last from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M., and bus transportation will be free. Detailed information is being sent to presidents of the Auxiliaries. In the meantime, please reserve those dates!

LEAMY HOME ANNIVERSARY

A tea was held at The Leamy Home, Roumfort Road, Mt. Airy, on Monday, February 2, to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding. The Home was founded through the generosity of Miss Anne Leamy and Mrs. Elizabeth Leamy Stout, who left funds in their wills stipulating that it should be a "Home for widows and single-women professing the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church." Starting with a small group of five guests, the Home now has a membership of fifty-four. The present Chairman of the Board is Mrs. Jacob S. Disston, Jr.

Mr. George Wharton Pepper, a member of the original Board of Managers, made a short address and cut the Golden Anniversary cake. Miss Helen Myers, representing the guests in the Home, presented the sum of $300.00 to the Board toward the New Infirmary Fund. The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and Honorary Chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Hart, and many of the clergy and their wives attended the tea.

The chapel service on Sunday, February 1, at 5:00 P.M. was a memorial to the Founders. Rev. Charles Eder, Chaplain of the Home, conducted the service.

The Nature of God Revealed On the Cross

A Meditation by

THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG

Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

"Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me."

We will remember that the first half of the Christian year, which is after all a teaching device, concerns itself with the great acts of God man-ward. These acts of God reveal to man, to you and to me, not only the Son of God in human flesh by means of the Incarnation; but allow our human eyes to see God the Father Himself. To stand at the foot of the cross on Calvary's hill on the last Friday in Lent and only see a pain racked man dying for our sins would be a catastrophe. What, indeed, we see is God's own nature caring for His children, forgiving His children, replacing fear with confidence, restoring the lost and the wandering to the warmth and safety and bounty of the household of God. The Master would not that we see only Jesus of Nazareth; for He came "that the glory of God might be made manifest." Not one of us would sacrifice one jot or tittle of the matchless beauty in the perfect humanity of the Son of Mary. It is a bleak world that exists outside of the companionship of the strong Son of God and our hearts overflow with joy and gratefulness that the human life of God is as homely, as understandable and as winsome. But we must not, we dare not, tarry there. It is from God the Father that we come; it is to God the Father that we go; through, by means of and enabled by, the Son—but still to the Father. Man really knows what God is like for man's hands have handled God, man's eyes have seen God, man's ears have heard the tones of God, man's lips have kissed the face of God and in so doing, be it ever our shame, once in betrayal.

God showed us Himself in the person of Jesus Christ to show us not that we can become God but that we can be and become God-like. We then can come up to Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week with great expectations. The expectation of seeing the glory of God made manifest in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, but—the glory of God. May we not so look that we will see the glory of God and seeing love and loving become like.

Woman's AUXILIARY

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

General Convention always brings to the whole Church a sense of new vigor and renewed purpose. The Diocese of Pennsylvania has had, in addition to this uplift, the blessing of a Bryan Green Reunion in December, and the wonderful experience of taking part in Christian Living Conferences during January and February. Under the leadership of three attractive, talented people completely committed to the task assigned them by National Council, we caught a glimpse of what the Church might mean in any community. Now what are we doing as a result of that experience? A great experience is actually very dangerous unless we follow through and express our reactions in action. Better not to have had these conferences than to let them go by unused. I am sure they are being carried forward through various plans in many parishes.

On Friday, March 6th, at 10:30 A.M. in the Church House a Presidents' Meeting, combined with the regular meeting of the Diocesan Committee, will consider the question, "After the Christian Living Conferences—what?" This joint meeting is another example of working together at one great task. Less and less are we conscious of departmental and committee lines. More and more we are aware of the oneness of our purpose. Each of the committees under the Department of Missions has cooperated with the Department of Education in the presentation of the Missionary Study subjects. The Department of Christian Social Relations and Christian Education of the National Council, working together, gave us "Parishioners are People." In our Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, our corresponding departments are jointly sponsoring its study. "All are needed by each one; nothing is good or fair alone." Carrying this idea into the plans for our Annual Meeting, we expect to give one, unified, all over report of the work of the women of the Diocese, then our own Mrs. Chapman will give us the challenge of "The Road Ahead" for us all —Sounds a little different from the usual annual meeting. You will like it, we hope.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

INDIANS' HOPE ASSOCIATION

The American Indians are our own "displaced persons" and their problems should be of vital concern to us all. Soon after the Civil War, when Bishop Hare was sent as a missionary to the Indians, the Indians' Hope Association was founded here in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Association's aims are "the raising of money, sending clothing and other material aid, the circulating of information that may serve to stir up interest in the welfare of the Indians." This work has grown to a $6,000.00 budget for 1953.

Many parishes send clothing, toys and books to the various Indian Missions. All of these things help bring the outside world nearer to the isolated Indian families. A great many Indian children live too far away to attend the Government schools. The Government has lagged dreadfully in fulfilling its promise of education to the Indians. This lack of education, even to the point of not understanding English, is a great obstacle to the Indian hunting a job.

At present, the special project over and above the adopted budget of the Indians' Hope Association, is to raise money to help buy a jeep for the little outpost mission at Montezuma Creek. This work is under St. Christopher's Mission to the Navajo at Bluff, Utah, and is in an isolated section where long drives over bad roads are necessary. Any donation toward this jeep will be accepted gratefully.

MRS. CHAPMAN ON LIBERIA

Under the auspices of the Mission Study Class Alumnae Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman, a member of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, will deliver a series of three talks on Liberia at the Churchwoman's Club, 1919 Walnut Street, Fridays Mar. 13, 20, and 27, from 10:30 to 12:00 a.m. All women are welcome.

U. T. O. PRESENTATION SERVICE

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Presentation of the United Thank Offering will be held on Monday, May 18th. The Presentation is at 10:30 A.M. and the Annual Meeting at a luncheon following. The place is the Holy Apostles and Mediator, West Philadelphia. Save the date, and watch for further publicity.

DIOCESAN CORPORATE COMMUNION

The Annual Corporate Communion for the women of the Diocese will be held on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th, at Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market, at 8 A.M. The speaker at the breakfast following the service will be our Bishop William Roberts. Remember to purchase in advance your tickets for breakfast.

CONVOCATION QUIET DAY

A Quiet Day for the Convocation of North Philadelphia will be held at St. Augustine's Church, 2026 Columbia Avenue, beginning with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 A.M. and ending at 3 P.M. The Rev. W. Hubert Bierch, Chaplain of the Valley Forge General Hospital, will be the conductor.

A LENTEN QUIET EVENING

At St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa. A Lenten Quiet Evening, Saturday, March 28th. from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Paul C. Kintzing, Jr. Please register early with the Sister-in-Charge. VIctor 4-4612.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Rev. Joseph P. Morris, retired, was ordained deacon June 7, 1908, and the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, rector of St. Barnabas Church, Germantown, was advanced to the priesthood on the same date by Bishop Whitaker.

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Now That Lent Has Started

Let's take stock of ourselves and our Lenten program. The Lenten Offering boxes have been dedicated and the children have taken them home. The Mission study theme, Liberia, has begun to take life in our Sunday or weekday sessions. Perhaps we've settled back a bit now that the weeks of preparation are behind us and the program is actually launched.

Instead of doing that, let's look at Lent in our parish. Are we continually seeking the deepening of the spiritual lives of our children through their Lenten program? Are we ourselves growing spiritually through the way we are observing the season? Concerning the mission study—are we doing more than just teaching facts about our Church's work in Liberia? Are the children coming to feel a real relationship to their fellow Christians there, and are they developing a desire to have a real share in the Church's mission work? Are we trying to stimulate giving because of interest, self-sacrifice, and love? Are we helping the children to pray and work as well as give? And finally, what are we doing to help the children prepare for the joy of Easter?

Let's think about these things. If they are being done, if our children are being given an opportunity to grow spiritually, if Lent really makes a difference in their daily lives, then the season will have been well observed.

And when Lent is over, *please share with us all the many good things that you did.*

Was it a weekday session for the children that was a great success?

Or did you have Lenten family nights that were helpful?

What did you do in your Sunday sessions, if the Mission study was carried on then?

What interesting things did you do to help the children grow in their understanding of the Church's work in Liberia?

How did they visualize their offering?

What did you find that was especially helpful in deepening the children's understanding of the meaning of Lent?

We'd like to know what is being done in the parishes of the diocese to make Lent a real period of growth. Please jot down some notes about your program and send them to us so that we in turn can share your ideas and suggestions with others.

Dates To Remember

April 26—Youth Sunday

May 2—Diocesan Youth Convention, Episcopal Academy

May 24—Presentation Service, Episcopal Academy

June 14 to 20—Provincial Summer Conference, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland

June 21 to 27—Youth Summer Conference, Haverford College

Presentation Service

The Rev. McVeigh Harrison, Order of the Holy Cross, will be the guest speaker for the annual Presentation Service to be held on the grounds of the Episcopal Academy on May 24, at 4 p.m.

The speaker is well qualified to present a first-hand account of the work of the Church in Liberia, a work that both children and adults throughout the Diocese have been considering during their Lenten Mission study. He has been in charge of the Holy Cross Mission at Bolahun and knows well the work there and in its many out stations. He has made the long and difficult journey two hundred and fifty miles inland to the mission; he has worked with the people around Bolahun and in the surrounding country; he has seen and had a part in the work that is being done in schools, hospitals, and chapels. Thus he has many stories and impressions of the Church in Liberia to share with his congregation.

Watch for announcement of detailed plans for the service on May 24 and begin to prepare now for your whole parish to share in this Diocesan presentation of the Lenten Offering.

What You Are

Much has been written about the Christian Living Conferences and their leaders, the Team from the National Department of Christian Education, (even more has been said!) for they have made a great impact on our diocese. The results of the impact we hope will be similar to Miss Schnurbush's illustration of a stone being thrown into a pool of water—the ripples get larger and larger—the first ripple is the group from each parish that attended the conferences and as they take back their experience into their parish family life the ripples will become larger and larger until they engulf the entire parish!

As more and more letters and verbal reactions to the conferences come in we are made very much aware of the great truth of the old adage—what you are counts for more than what you say or do! From all parts of the diocese have come such remarks " . . . for it was the three leaders who made the meetings what they were. . . ." The "oneness" of the Conference groups, the leaders and those who came to learn, was noted everywhere. May that "oneness" also be a characteristic of our parish life.

To Know The Christ — UMCY — *To Make Him Known*

Youth Sunday and Offering Theme for District Meetings

The Mid-Winter District Youth Meetings were held February 8th at Trinity Church, Oxford, and St. Martin's Church, Radnor, in the afternoon; evening sessions were held at St. Paul's, Elkins Park, and St. Augustine's, Philadelphia. The Latin American atmosphere was quite keenly felt with numerous posters and pictures depicting Mexican Life in a gay and colorful way. A filmstrip telling the story of the visit to Mexico by young people of Seventh Province and how they learned about the Youth Offering Project for 1953, Alejandra, Mexico, was reviewed with great delight. These young people stopped at many missions and saw much of real Mexican life. Leaving Mexico with a deeper understanding of the missionary work there and the Church's needs, the people felt they must do something for the Episcopal Church in Mexico. Here was their opportunity to be missionaries in the truest sense, to witness their

faith in Jesus Christ, One Lord and Father of us all, and to share in the life and work of the Church of Mexico. These young people accepted this challenge with such vigor and determination that the National Youth Commission chose Alejandra, Mexico, as the Youth Offering Project and Mission study Major for 1953.

The greatest material need is a boy's dormitory at Alejandra. This new dormitory is important for in a town of several hundred people only a small number of children attend school because of the inadequacy of the public school. To this Internado will come over one-hundred boys from all places and missions of the Church in Mexico. These boys will receive their education with an emphasis on Christian living.

So from the vision of the young people of Province Seven has come the opportunity for all Episcopal young people everywhere to work, pray, and give making possible a new life for many in Mexico.

Those who attended the Mid-Winter District Meetings had the unique pleasure of hearing Bob Atkinson and Ted Eastman, two young theologians from Virginia Seminary, tell about their exciting trip to Alejandra, Mexico, last summer. They gave us first-hand information about the life of the people who live and work in this small farming village with its unpaved streets and adobe walled houses with thatched roofs, no electricity and no water system except for a nearby river, and where the United Youth Offering of 1953 will be used for the building of a boy's dormitory. (DAILY INCREASE, the UMCY Handbook for 1952-53 will be of great help to youth advisors and groups as they plan for further study of the mission major in their parishes since it includes much material and suggested programs for a study of Mexico.)

Another part of the program at the district meetings included the election of the district representatives to the Diocesan Youth Council. The newly elected representatives are:

Chester Convocation

District I —Barton Sensenig, III and Nancy Allen

II —Deborah Lappin and Richard Feindler

III—Fred Banfield and Stephen Young

Germantown Convocation

District I —Stephanie Frantz and Kathryn Knight

II —Joseph Bee and May Hughes

III—Mary Henry and Elizabeth Hoffman

Norristown Convocation

Ronnie Partridge and Ginger Hance

North Philadelphia Convocation

Lois-Anne Robins and Theodore Young

South Philadelphia Convocation

Eleanore Preole and Lee Gray

West Philadelphia Convocation

Ruth McCuen and Robert Dumas

CHARLES LAUGHTON TO READ IN PHILADELPHIA

Everyone who heard the delightful concert by the Trapp Family Singers in December seems to be agreed that Philadelphians owe Mrs. Birchall Hammer and her Committee a great debt of gratitude for bringing this unique family ensemble to the Academy of Music under the sponsorship of the Committee on the Fund for the Episcopate.

Do You Know This Altar?
For identification turn to page 18.

That every seat in the Academy was not filled is no measure of the spiritual or musical quality of the concert. Whether singing early liturgical airs, gay peasant tunes or the ever-popular Christmas Carols, the Trapps approached their task with a degree of simplicity and sincerity rarely matched. It was in the final group—the Carols—that they wove a complete spell of enchantment as they sat beside a large Christmas tree, flooded with moonlight, and with a single candle burning on the rustic table.

The Committee now has another treat in store—"An Evening with Charles Laughton"—scheduled to be given in the Academy of Music on Friday, April 17 at 8:30 P.M. Since Mr. Laughton was unable to appear with the First Drama Quartette in the Fall, this will be his only personal appearance in Philadelphia this season.

Mr. Laughton will read selections from Shakespeare, Chekov, Thurber, Dickens, Moliere, Aesop's Fables, and The Bible.

Requests for tickets for "An Evening with Charles Laughton" began coming in as soon as the event was announced on the Trapp program. Miss Frances Sappington, 202 W. Rittenhouse Square, is handling advance reservations. First choice of seats may be had by writing to Miss Sappington, or by telephoning: LOcust 7-0644.

FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE

Contributions to principal fund of Endowment of Episcopate during 1952, are listed as follows:

Mrs. Bispham McKean	$10.00
The Rev. Nevill Lascalles-Ward	50.00
Woman's Auxiliary of St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland	5.00
Miss Sarah N. Lowry	100.00
Mr. Clarence M. Brown	16,800.73
Vestry of Calvary, Northern Liberties	50.00
Mrs. Paul B. Banks	25.00
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Proceeds of card party at Warwick on Oct. 9, 1951	1,251.45
10% of offerings at Confirmation services from September 1951 through June 1952	855.64
	$19,397.82
Total of fund, Dec. 31, 1952	$294,470.74

In the DIOCESE

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

On Thursday, March 12 the preacher at the Lenten Service at the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, will be Rev. Charles W. Wood, a former member of the parish and a diocesan leader of the Young Peoples Fellowship. "Charlie" Wood is now rector of St. John's Church, Huntington, Baltimore, Md. An oyster supper, sponsored by the men of the Atonement will precede this service.

Mrs. Beath and Mrs. Charles Myers recently paid an official visit to Levittown to meet with and speak to the women of this new area, in which our Church has begun work. The Rev. Stanley Powell, Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Edgely, is in charge of this new work, and had rounded up a fine group of women for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. The church at Edgely was well filled and the interest shown by the women was keen.

The Altar Guild of St. Thomas' Church, West Philadelphia, sponsored a reception following the first service in their re-opened church on Sunday, Jan. 25th. Though not yet completed, the church can now be used for services, and the basement for activities. The latter boasts a wonderful modern kitchen of which the congregation are justly proud. Plans for the parish house adjoining the church have been drawn; the outer walls are erected, and will, when completed, provide a fine and adequate plant, but must wait until the funds are available for its completion.

The Women of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, had as their speaker at the monthly luncheon meeting in January, the Rev. S. Tagart Steele, whose subject was "Spiritual Healing." The attendance was the largest ever, and the interest in the effective presentation of this emphasis of our Church's work was very great. St. Luke's Church Germantown, has weekly services for "spiritual healing."

At St. Andrew's Church, W. Vincent, the women of the mission are making needle-point kneeling cushions for the chancel. This old church, long closed for lack of a congregation, was re-opened a few years ago, and will soon have a resident Vicar.

The Rev. Leopold Kroll, Assistant Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, who spent fifteen years in missionary work in Liberia, will speak on this mission field at All Saints' Church, Darby, March 2.

Mr. William E. Caveny, who has been serving as chief usher at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, having moved to the suburbs, has resigned that office. The rector has appointed as his successor Mr. Kenneth A. Syfrit.

Mr. Donald Kniley, who with his family has rendered many significant services for the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13th Street below Spruce, was recently elected to the vestry of that parish.

The Rev. Albert Lucas II, a recent graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School who is working in the Missionary District of Eastern Oregon, where Bishop Remington was sometime bishop, has been named "Man of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce of Prineville, Oregon, where he is in charge of St. Andrew's Church.

A Sacred Concert by the Glee Club of Lincoln University was held at the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, on Sunday evening, February 8. This was sponsored by St. Monica's Mission for the benefit of the building fund of that Mission.

The long contemplated enlargement of the living room at the House of Rest has emerged from the Dream Stage into Blue Print form. However, instead of pushing out a side wall, for added space, the plan now calls for Assembly Hall and Chapel housed in a separate building.

Justice Allen M. Sterne, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, recently lectured to the adult class of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13th Street below Spruce, on "Orientalisms in the Bible."

"Good Neighbor Sunday" was recently observed at St. Paul's Church, Edgely (The Edgely-Levittown Parish). After the morning service each worshipper took the names of persons in his or her immediate neighborhood to visit in the name of the church. The purpose of the visit was to impart information about the program of the church and to invite people to worship and participate in its life.

Sponsored by the parish branch of The Girls Friendly Society a Father-Daughter Dinner was recently held in the parish house of Christ Church, Media.

Four study groups meeting at different hours on different days and evenings are being conducted in the parish of St. Martin, Radnor, during February, March, and April. There are seven sub-topics on the general subject of "The Faith of the Church."

At St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, on a recent Sunday afternoon, a choral pageant entitled "The Coming of Christ," was presented by the combined choirs of the parish: Girl's Choir, Adult Choral Group, and the Church Choir of men and boys, under the direction of Mr. Robert L. Goodale, Organist and choirmaster.

Ten or twelve Infant School chairs are needed at St. Paul's Chapel, North Penn, the Rev. Percy R. Stockman, D.D., Vicar; Mr. Charles H. Fassitt, Lay Reader. Any information may be addressed to Dr. Stockman at 211 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 6, Telephone, LO 3-8676.

As an outgrowth of the Christian Living Conferences a School of Religion is meeting on Sunday evenings in homes of parishioners of St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton. Books in the Church's Teaching Series are used as the basis for discussion.

The Senior Class of Philadelphia Divinity School held their annual party in the Parish House of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, on the evening of Monday, Feb. 16.

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PARISH PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Rev. Alfred C. Arnold, born in Philadelphia, the son of a clergyman of this diocese, educated here and ordained by Bishop Taitt in 1932, is now rector of Grace Church, White Plains, N. Y. When he wanted to learn how to work out a more effective public relations program for the church, he turned to leading local newspaperman, Benjamin H. Carroll, managing editor of the *White Plains Reporter Dispatch*, for help.

The result was Mr. Carroll's meeting with the staff of the *Angelus*, Grace Church's monthly newspaper, to discuss ways to make the paper more interesting. Among the newspaperman's suggestions were more human interest feature stories, more pictures, a more eye-catching layout, and a greater use of the talents of other parishioners, especially of advertising men.

Mr. Carroll also pointed out that community newspapers are eager to carry and provide an excellent medium for disseminating religious news, but that it is up to each church to do a thorough public relations job, using proved selling techniques. The staff of the *Angelus* feels that by meeting with Mr. Carroll they learned some of these techniques.

PHILADELPHIA LAYMAN IS REAL MISSIONARY

Many men in their search for the dramatic miss the commonplace opportunity. Men obviously want to do something for their church but are baffled because few things look sufficiently important. *St. Andrew's Cross*, the magazine of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, tells how Fred Werner, a Philadelphia grocer, has taken the simplest of ideas and given it giant proportions.

Mr. Werner makes it a practice to collect servicemen in uniform and take them to his church. The idea of inviting persons to go to church is ordinary enough to be sure, but not the way this man does it. Mr. Werner begins his Sunday scouting at 9:30 a.m. when he rides to a congested section of Philadelphia. "I just go up to a man in uniform," he explains, "and tell him I am going to church and ask him if he does not want to come along. He usually does." They make their way to Holy Trinity and are ushered to the seats regularly reserved for servicemen, who have averaged between twenty-five and forty each Sunday since 1941.

After services the boys are photographed by Frank N. Kneas, one of the vestrymen, and later on copies go to their families with a card which states the men had attended services at Holy Trinity on that day. Mr. Werner has the vestry behind him in his plan. The vestrymen are so enthusiastic that they foot the bills and make it possible for Mr. Werner to take the servicemen to luncheon and on sightseeing tours.

The young guests come from almost every State in the Union. Many of them write to him or have their families write to express their appreciation. Mr. Werner's reaction to the success of his plan is as direct as his approach to the young men in the first place. He says, "I don't care what a man's religion is or whether he has a religion. I think it helps him to go to church. . . . " Certainly if our men only realize it they can find just as definite a way as this to do something for Christ and His Church.

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST IN ONE OF THE OLDEST

William E. Gould, Jr., age four, is one of the Crucifers at Crucifixion Church, 8th and Bainbridge Sts., one of the oldest colored churches in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. "Butch," as he is nicknamed, comes to eight o'clock service every Sunday morning. Along with his grandfather, the Rev. Cornelious Dawson, Priest in charge of the church. He does not eat breakfast until after service.

THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY

Books recently purchased for the Diocesan Library, located in Rooms 11 and 12 of the Church House, are for the free use of all the clergy and laity of the Diocese. Please be sure to check books out and in at the Information Window, or with the Librarian, Room 37, Church House.

Addressed to Christians—Floyd H. Ross

Best Sermons—1951-52—G. Paul Butler

The Church in the Purpose of God—Oliver S. Tomkins

Commentary on the Gospels—Ronald A. Knox

The Hope of Glory—John S. Higgins

Jesus Christ and His Cross—F. W. Dillistone

Judaism and Modern Man—Will Herbert

Missionary Spirit in Parish Life—Abbe G. Mechonneau

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible

What the Church of England Stands For—J. W. C. Wand

Suggested Reading for Lent:

The Hope of Glory—John S. Higgins—Morehouse book for Lent 1953

Use of Life—F. W. Kates—Harper's book for Lent 1953

Christ Jesus and His Cross—F. W. Dillistone—1953

Seven Words—Clovis G. Chappell—1952

A New Way to Pray—W. Maueleverer—1952

Create and Make New—Austin Pardue, Bishop of Pittsburgh—1952

The Way of Mysticism—Joseph James—1952

Strengthening the Spiritual Life—Nels F. S. Ferre—1951

The Words of Life—P. M. Dawley—1950

Growth in Prayer—Constance Garrett—1950

Christ's Victory and Ours—Frederick C. Grant—1950

The Idea of the Holy—Rudolf Otto—1950

Things that Matter—Bishop Brent—Presiding Bishop's Book—1949

Teach Us to Pray—Charles Francis Whitson—1949

Spiritual Guidance—C. S. Hughson, O.H.C.—1948

The Sign of the Cross—R. S. K. Seeley—1945

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

During the illness of the chaplain of the Episcopal Academy, Dr. J. Clemens Kolb, four members of the clergy have taken over many of Dr. Kolb's classes in Sacred Studies. The Rev. Charles Lawrence, chaplain to the Episcopalian students at the University of Pennsylvania, has taken over senior Sacred Studies. The Rev. Alfred Whistler, curate of St. Paul's Memorial Church, has taken over Fourth Form classes. The Rev. John Hauser, rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, is handling a number of Middle School classes. The Rev. Hadley Williams, rector of St. Mary's Church, is teaching an additional number of classes in the Middle School.

The famed biennial Hobby Show will be held March 18-20 in the Academy's gymnasium. As in past years the boys' exhibits will cover a wide range of hobbies. Friends of the Academy are welcome to attend, and the exhibits will be open on Thursday and Friday nights.

The Glee Club will continue its successful season during March, climaxing the month with its annual trip to Atlantic City to sing with the Friends School. The glee club has already sung with Stevens School, Baldwin School and Shipley School. In March they will sing with Springside School and the Agnes Irwin School, as well as at the Rotary Club luncheon.

Chapel speakers which were scheduled for February included the very Rev. Frank Gifford, dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, the Rev. Peter C. van der Hiel, Rector of St. George's Church, Ardmore, the Rev. William H. Aulenbach, rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, and Bishop J. Gillespie Armstrong.

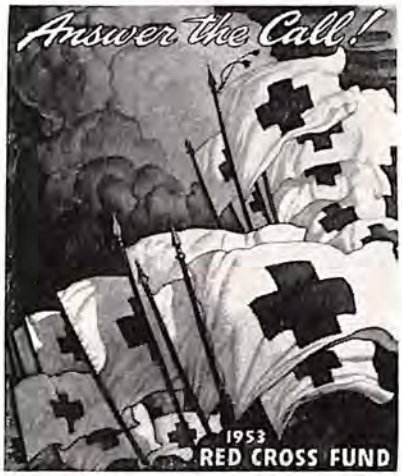
In March the chapel speakers will include Bishop Oliver J. Hart, the Rev. C. E. Tobias, the Rev. William P. S. Lander, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, and the Rev. D. W. Gateson, rector of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia.

HUGUENOT MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE FRENCH CHURCH

The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania held its Memorial Service, this year, in the French Church of Saint Sauveur, 22nd & Spruce (Trinity Memorial Church) at 3:30 P.M., Sunday, February 1st.

William Blake Metheny, Esq., President of the Huguenot Society invited the French Consul and other Consuls of countries in which the Huguenots found refuge, as well as representatives of other American patriotic societies to attend the celebration.

The Rev. Marcel J. Brun, pastor in charge of Saint Sauveur preached.



PREPARATION FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

A new-type course of training for laymen in the field of religious education is about to be offered to all interested comers by the Church of the Good Shepherd, Oak Road, it was announced recently by the Rev. R. Dunham Taylor, rector of the church.

The course will be given in two twelve-week semesters and will be in the form of a one-and-one-half-hour lecture and discussion period every Tuesday evening in the parish house throughout the semester. The first session will be on February 10th at 8:00 P.M.

Three prominent Philadelphia educators, members of the church, are cooperating with Mr. Taylor in preparing the course and in sharing the lecture assignments. They are Dr. Edwin W. Adams, associate professor of education at La Salle College and former associate superintendent of public schools in charge of junior and senior high schools, Dr. Richard W. Day, headmaster of Germantown Academy and Dr. William J. Page, professor of sociology at Temple University. They will be assisted by various guest lecturers in certain specialized fields of education. W. Clark Hanna, local attorney, is acting as administrative assistant.

"The project is designed primarily as a systematic solution to the dire need for well trained Sunday school teachers everywhere" said Mr. Taylor. "We cannot expect to build enduring Christian civilization without adequate teaching of Christian doctrine and Christian living to our youth from the cradle up. Our Church of the Good Shepherd has a unique opportunity in the time and talents that these three top-rank educators are generously offering for the benefit not only of our own members but of all interested churches and churchmen throughout the City."

The curriculum will deal with such topics as the objective of Christian education, the planning and administering of lessons for children of various ages and the integration of the general principles of teaching with the basic church doctrine to be taught.

ADVENT, KENNETT SQUARE

Parishes usually list their outstanding physical improvements; but the "Advent Chronicle," published by the Church of the Advocate, Kennett Square, recently printed the following item:

Unseen Improvements — Drains cleared and functioning—Heat Pipes repaired and overhauled for more economical and efficient heating—Leaks in cellar of the Church repaired—Part of the Cellar Floor cemented—Ceiling of basement over the boiler has been fireproofed.

The Rev. Arthur Murray, Dean of the Convocation of North Philadelphia; Bishop Hart; The Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock, Vicar of All Souls' Mission for the Deaf.

EPISCOPALIANS AND THE BIBLE

From *The Chronicle* of
Christ Church, Media

The Rev. William J. Alberts, *Rector*

At the Woman's Auxiliary meeting the other evening the rector was told of a statement made to one member by a person belonging to another Christian body that Episcopalians do not read the Bible.

Since this is a statement frequently made by people who are ignorant of our church and its practice, we'd like to comment on it.

We'll admit at once that not enough of our people read the Bible as much as they should. But we'd say that is equally true of almost all Christians, by whatever name they call themselves. But we will defend the statement any time and any place that Episcopalians use the Bible in public worship more than any other communion in Christendom.

Our services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer. We have in our possession a book of 836 pages which takes every sentence of the Prayer Book in its main theme and connects it with appropriate Bible passages. Almost the entire Prayer Book is pure scripture. We read, at Morning Prayer, an opening sentence from the Bible. We read a psalm or psalms from the Bible. We read two substantial passages from the Bible in the first and second lessons. We say the creed which is a series of statements for which there are specific Bible references in abundance. The Lord's Prayer comes directly from the Bible and the various prayers all speak in reference to Biblical events, promises, hopes, or penalties.

The Holy Communion service itself comes from the Institution of the Last Supper contained in the Bible. It uses the summary of the Law from the Bible, the Ten Commandments are from the Bible, the Epistle and Gospel is from the Bible, likewise the Creed as afore mentioned. The Offertory sentence is from Scripture. The Prayer for the Church and all that follows is based upon the Bible. The Sanctus and Benedictus is from the Bible; in the Canon of Consecration, the very words of Jesus from the Bible are used. So also is the Lord's Prayer. The Gloria in Excelsis is from the Bible.

It would be hard to get a service more loaded with Bible. But to it we also add the Hymns which are required to be in words of Scripture or else approved by the church as to doctrine based upon the Bible.

The fact is that any Episcopalian who does what his church tells him to do, namely to "worship God every Sunday in His church" and who follows the service with eyes and ears must become steeped in the words of scripture. Far from taking such ignorant slander from anyone, Episcopalians ought to be quick to retort as did one of our clergymen who was told by a clergyman of another Christian Communion "My church is based upon the Bible." Replied the Episcopalian: "My Church wrote it!"

Let's take no back seats as Episcopalians. We have everythng that any other Christian body has. We have all the Catholicism that Rome has, without later accretions of Romanism. We have all the Bible that Protestantism has, and we use it more faithfully. Taking these things together, we have in Catholic Faith and Protestant heritage and freedom a combination that no other body in Christendom possesses.

If this sounds as if the rector is saying that he thinks there is no church like the Episcopal, then it is only because that is precisely what the rector IS saying. And if it sounds like pride, may he be permitted the seeming contradiction of saying humbly and thankfully, that he IS proud of being an Episcopalian. He prays that the day may come when Episcopalians will be so aware of the richness of their heritage, Catholic and Protestant, that they will forget the nonsense which sometimes divides them—that thing called "High Church" or "Low Church." We are Episcopalians all. We are Catholics all. We are Protestants all. No other church (with apologies to certain advertising executives) can make that claim!

CONFIRMATION CLASS AT ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL 2249 W. CUMBERLAND STREET

Standing behind the class: The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Vicar; Bishop Roberts; Mr. Charles H. Fassitt, Lay Reader.

The Christian Living Conference Comes To The Parish

By Rev. James G. Ludwig,
Curate and Director of Religious Education
St. Martin's Parish, Radnor, Pa.

Something, only partially defineable, happened to people at the Regional Conference held by the National Department's Leadership Training Division. As one clergyman publicly stated, "I went to the Diocese of Pennsylvania's Clergy Conference at Buck Hill Falls, convinced that I was a good clergyman (he was), but I came home a Christian clergyman." The writer, then a layman, attended the lay conference at Mt. Pocono, and saw and felt the working of the Holy Spirit, the new insights gained, the realization of the true character of the Church, grip the hearts and minds, and change the lives of people. Here was a force that must be translated into the life of the Parish. To this all agreed. The problem was to find an effective means.

Meetings were held to discuss the methods to be used. An intensive program at the Conference Center seemed an obvious answer, but the Diocese had not yet been able to put the proposed Center into operation. Another suggestion was that teams composed of clergy and lay people be prepared to go into a parish on request of the Rector, but many of the laity felt inadequate, the clergy were busy. Definite agreement on an approach was not reached, and due to emphasis on an extensive Diocesan program in other directions, action was deferred.

A conviction that a way must be found to bring to the parish the values of the regional Christian conference, and a technique developed that would be available, *within the means and resources of the parish unit;* lead to the development, with the approval and active cooperation of the Rector, the Rev. William H. Jefferys, Jr. of the program at St. Martin's Parish, Radnor, known as "The Councils of Disciples." The best explanation of the character of the Councils may be found in this quotation from the program.

"The Councils of Disciples are intimate group meetings comprising 12-24 people who have a Christian concern for Christ's work. They are leaders and potential leaders in the work of the Church. In a real sense, these meetings are for the purpose of orientation. Together we will explore the state of His Church, its teachings and work, and try, with the guidance of His Holy Spirit, to gain new insights, so that we may intelligently go forward in the Parish.

"The time has long since passed when the Church can exist by 'just muddlin' thru.' The Church never was meant to 'exist' because it is a sent people; 'Go ye' were the Lord's words. No people have ever been able to maintain the status quo, the choice lies between retrogression and progress. If the Church is to go forward the motion must be started by 'you' in your family and in the local Fellowship of the Parish. For this continuing forward thrust we have an inexhaustable source of power; the same Lord who said 'Go ye' also said, 'Lo, I am with you even to the end of the age.' We know that we can trust absolutely in His promises, that we can depend on His help and guidance. 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' He will be present at the meetings of the 'Councils of Disciples' and together with Him we will go forward individually and as a Fellowship."

Three main factors entered into the thinking during the planning period.

1. The success of the Regional conference is due, in no small way, to the "experience" of a group of people, separated from normal activities and environment, concentrating on a given program aiming at a common goal. To achieve this setting for the group, it was obvious that a series of evening meetings would not be satisfactory. The return to normal pursuits between the meetings would be too distracting. The time schedule as developed was therefore:—Friday; dinner together at 7:00 P.M.; two lecture periods; a meditation in preparation for Holy Communion; home at 10 P.M., with a modified rule of silence. Saturday, 8 A.M. Holy Communion; breakfast together; two lecture periods; a short quiet time in the Church; lunch together; two sessions of group discussions translating into action the thinking and insights gained; a final session of the whole group evaluating the conference; a meditation on prayer and dismissal about 5 P.M. To the end that no member of the group would have responsibility for details, a couple were hired to prepare and serve the meals. (note: $2.75 per person paid all expenses for three very satisfactory meals, dinner, breakfast and lunch).

2. The second factor was the content of the conference, and here it was possible to follow closely the regional lay conferences. There are three main divisions: (a) Man's need, and this must be made real to people of this day and age, and an understanding of the structure of relationships in God's creation: (b) God's answer. The Bible as the drama of human redemption; one lecture on the whole sweep of God's mighty acts; and one lecture on this age, the age of the Holy Spirit and the Church: (c) Relating the need and answer to present day living in family, parish and world, and the power and meaning of the sacramental life of the Church. The Church as a faith community, a redeeming fellowship of the Holy Spirit. All of this must be relevant and personal. In certain of the lectures the group is free to interrupt at any time for questioning and discussion.

3. The third factor was the size and makeup of the group. It was felt that control of personalities in such intimate groups was important, and that each group should represent a cross section of the parish.. The redemptive fellowship is concerned with all its members, and these are the rules that guided the selection.

(a) Couples or members of same household as far as possible. So that the experience would carry over and have a continuing effect.

(b) All ages should be represented.

(c) Active and inactive parishioners should be represented.

(d) Attendance by invitation of the Rector only, to control and to impress with importance of Conference. This does not imply exclusiveness as these conferences are to be held monthly until all have had an opportunity to attend.

(e) 15-20 people has proven satisfactory.

Conducting such a conference is beyond one man's physical ability. The program would kill one man, one man would kill the program. The recesses must be kept to a minimum, the conference must proceed on schedule, a sense of urgency must be maintained, and a change of pace relied upon to sustain interest. Two clergymen, or one clergyman with one or two well trained laymen can carry the program.

These conferences have proven themselves worth all the effort entailed, in the evident effect on the individuals and in the life of the parish. Each group started with a feeling of curiosity if not scepticism. Each group completed the conference enthused if tired, and all agreed that the program could not be curtailed and remain effective. Perhaps most encouraging and revealing was the fact that four members of the second group had been told by veterans of the first Council of Disciples "When you are invited, by all means accept."

THEY PLASTER THE WALLS

"Holy Apostles Chapel, Penn Wynne, getting plastered on Saturdays!" Shocking, you say! But it's not as bad as you think. It's only the walls of the chapel which are receiving their coat of plaster at the hands of an energetic group of parishioners, headed by the Rev. Robert M. Baur, vicar.

Each Saturday morning at 8 the plastering party, consisting of Francis Feheley, William C. Austin, Fred Donaghy, Jr., Ray W. Preston, Ray H. Thompson, J. Knowles Newman and Lewis T. Kelly meets at the Parish House at Remington and Dover Rds., Penn Wynne, in dungarees and old clothes, with trowels and mortarboards, ready to go to work. Since the chapel was built and services begun in 1951, there has not been enough money to complete all of the decorating and so, up until now, services and other activities have been held in a still incompleted building. Now that sufficient funds are available to make possible the hiring of two professional plasterers, the men of the parish decided they could speed the work along, and at the same time keep down the cost of labor, by pitching in and assisting the workmen. The north wing, consisting of Nursery, kitchen and hall, has been completed and is ready for painting. At present the plasterers are busy with the south wing hallway, and hope very soon to commence work in the actual parish hall.

From 8 a.m. on, right through 'till 6 p.m. (and most of the men bring their sandwiches for lunch, in order not to have to go home and waste a precious hour or so) the work goes on and the Chapel gets a face lifting. All who are connected with Holy Apostles have shown a wonderful spirit of cooperation whenever there is work to be done, and with this spirit continuing it will not be long before the congregation needs no longer feel apologetic about the unfinished appearance of the interior of the Chapel.

IN THE DIOCESE

Since last October Evening Prayer services have been held at the Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia. They are usually well attended. Following a short Vesper service, slides or a filmstrip are shown by the Rector, the Rev. Arthur W. Matthews. The program concludes with light refreshments in the parish house.

An explosion in the furnace beneath St. John's Church, Norristown, wrecked the heater and caused the woodwork nearby to be charred. This complicated the heating arrangements. A temporary hook-up with the parish house heater was made until repairs can be completed.

A property adjoining St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, has been purchased by the vestry of that parish. Some of the land will be used for enlarged parking facilities and some may be used for burial lots.

Members of the choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 3d and Reed Sts., have repainted and renovated the choir room in the parish house.

In the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, Jan. 30, Miss Helen Potter Sturges was married to Mr. Edward Warren Allen. The ceremony was peformed by the Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, rector of the parish and father of the bride.

Bishop Hart sent out an emergency appeal for a special offering in all the churches of the diocese on Feb. 15 for the relief of sufferers from the floods in Europe.

Bishop Hart read the Gospel in the service for the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Frederick John Warnecke as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Bethlehem in the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 5.

The Y.P.F. and the Brotherhood presented Prayer Books to persons recently confirmed at St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Ave., when they entertained them at breakfast following a corporate communion.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banks, of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, recently entertained at tea in their home the foreign students of Swarthmore College under the auspices of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mr. Gilbert Pirovano has been secured to serve as organist at St. Martin's Church, Radnor, succeeding Mr. Blake, resigned.

The Order of St. Paul has been organized at St. Paul's Church, Chester, to enlist the services of men and women in evangelistic work within the parish.

At the Parish House of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, Miss Helen Feree recently showed color slides of the Holy Land at a meeting of the Women's Bible Class.

In the parish house of the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, a group of local women is meeting to sew articles needed to aid the American Cancer Society in its work.

Class rooms in the new Memorial Building at the Philadelphia Divinity School are now being used. Students moved chairs, desks and other equipment from the old temporary quarters as they reported for the first sessions in the new building. The new building will be dedicated by Bishop Hart on April 16.

The parish house of St. James Church, Evansburg, has been made more useful for the Sunday School by the addition of drapes for the separation of classes.

The Rev. Charles R. Stinnette, Assistant Warden of the College of Preachers, Washington, D. C., recently addressed the Men's Club of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, on what the Episcopal Church has to offer to modern man.

The Rev. Jesse Anderson, rector of St. Thomas Church, West Philadelphia spoke recently at a luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Chester.

THE PRELIMINARY BALLOT

The proposal is herewith submitted to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and subscribed to by the persons whose names are herewith appended, that the use of the Preliminary Ballot in Nominations to all and various elective Diocesan Offices be eliminated. It is further proposed, following the practice of many Dioceses throughout this Church, that Nominations to elective Diocesan Offices be made from the floor of each succeeding Diocesan Convention, and that nominating speeches be limited to two minutes, and, further, that there shall be no seconding speeches.

The originators of this proposal think that the time has come to repair the creaking legislative machinery of the Diocese which pertains to Diocesan Nominations and Elections. A careful check, derived from several Reports of the Committee on Nominations and Elections, and compiled over a period of ten years from 1942 through 1952, reveals interesting statistics. There is also revealed a general lack of interest in the use of the Preliminary Ballot by either Clerical Deputies or Parish and Missionary Lay Deputies. This analysis further reveals that, except in two years when Deputies to the General Convention were elected, the total returns of the Preliminary Ballots amounted to far less than one quarter the number of Preliminary Ballots sent to Clerical and Lay Deputies, as shown by the following computation:

It will be noted that these figures do NOT include the ballots (1 each) sent to Missionary Lay Deputies. But there is no reason to assume by lack of this data, which is difficult to compile, that the picture would be changed.

Year	Ballots Sent Clerical Deputies	Lay Deputies (3 to a Parish)	Number Returned	Percentage Returned
1952	231	453—151 parishes	108	Roughly 15%
1951	232	441—147 "	59	" 8%
1950	222	435—145 "	41	" 6%
1949	231	444—148 "	60	" 8%
1948	239	336—112 "	67	" 11%
1947	249	432—144 "	59	" 8%
1946	247	420—140 "	137	" 20%
1945	250	471—137 "	64	" 8%
1944	252	444—138 "	72	" 10%
1943	238	408—136 "	178	" 26%
1942	236	414—138 "	59	" 9%

It seems quite apparent that the Preliminary Ballot serves no vital purpose in the elective machinery of this Diocese. The signers of this proposal are not unmindful of the fact that the work of preparing, distributing and tallying, the Preliminary Ballots will be merely shifted to the Administrative Officers, and their assistants, of the Diocesan Convention should the Convention approve of restricting Nominations to those made from the floor. But the over-all effect will be a greater use of, and a wider interest in, the power to Nominate and Elect. There is every reason to believe that this proposal, if properly implemented by the Standing Orders of the Convention, will bring about a greater stability and unity within the Diocese.

It is, therefore, RESOLVED, that this proposal be submitted to the Diocesan Convention of 1953 for debate.

And it is further RESOLVED, that, should the said Diocesan Convention so order, Section V of the Standing Orders of the Convention be amended to provide for the elimination of the Preliminary Ballot, and, further, to provide for Nominations from the floor of the Convention, together with the two-minute Rule on nominating speeches, and the restricting of seconding speeches.

Signed: Frank Damrosch, Richard T. Lyford, William J. Dietrich, Jr., Francis B. Roseboro, S. Tagart Steele, Jr., Philemon F. Sturges.

EPISCOPALIANS IN SENATE AND CABINET

Methodists comprise the second largest Protestant body of worshippers in the US, but have the largest representation in the senate of the 83rd Congress and among appointees to the new cabinet.

Episcopalians run a close second.

The senior legislative body records 19 Methodists, 13 Episcopalians, 13 Baptist, 12 Presbyterians, 9 Roman Catholics, 7 Congregational Christians, 5 Lutherans, 4 Disciples of Christ, 2 Latter Day Saints (Mormons), 1 Latter Day Saints, Reorganized, 1 Jew, 1 member of the Friends sect, 2 Unitarians, 1 Christian Scientist, and 4 listing themselves solely as "Protestants." One senator has withheld information as to his religious affiliation.

President Eisenhower has joined a Presbyterian Church in Washington; Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon are Quakers (his replacement in the senate —Thomas H. Kuchel of California— is an Episcopalian); Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, and Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay are Presbyterians.

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LENTEN CANTATAS

St. Peter's Choir will sing a Lenten cantata each Sunday afternoon in Lent, beginning March 1st, at the 5 o'clock service in St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets. These cantatas will also be broadcast over radio station WJMJ.

The works to be presented are THE CRUCIFIXION, Stainer; THE LAST HOURS, F. H. Wood; THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS, Matthews; THE REDEEMER, Martin Shaw; THE PASSION ACCORDING TO S. MARK, Charles Wood.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services at St. Peter's Church.

CHURCH NEEDS LAY PEOPLE AS MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr. who lives in Philadelphia, is responsible for recruiting workers for the mission fields—both clergymen and lay persons. The church has immediate need for a wide variety of professionally competent men and women in its far-flung work. Inquiries concerning work overseas should be addressed to The Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., Overseas Department, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. The following posts are only a few of the opportunities which are now open.

Teacher for the Philippines, Man, married or single, with five years' teaching experience, to teach in growing high school in Sagada. Prefer candidate qualified to teach science and mathematics, also able to assist in extra-curricular school programs.

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Teacher for Japan. Man, married or single, to teach English in St. Paul's Middle School and St. Paul's University, Tokyo. Should be under 35 or proficient in Japanese; needs graduate degree and teaching experience. Housing shortage would make difficult sending of married man with children.

Nurse for Alaska. A nurse is neede to join the staff of Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital at Fort Yukon. This is the historic Indian Hospital in northern Alaska near the Canadian border.

The need for church workers is still great, and personnel chairmen will want to plan now for an effective program of recruiting. The suggestion is made that the chairman establish a committee of at least three persons to share the responsibility for planning and carrying out the program.

The committee should work with all those in the diocese who are in touch with young people and college students. These suggesetions are offered as a guide to the committee:

Maintain contact with all college clergy and women workers, informing them of scholarships for both winter study and summer work.

Arrange for students who have done summer work in the Church to talk to Woman's Auxiliaries and college groups, telling of the value of their experiences.

Arrange for students in training schools to talk before groups of especially invited college students and young people.

Keep in touch with the women workers in the diocese or missionary district; arrange a luncheon for them, or a visit to or from them.

Call attention to aspects of personnel work through articles in the diocesan paper.

Ask those working with young people to keep the committee informed of possible candidates for church work.

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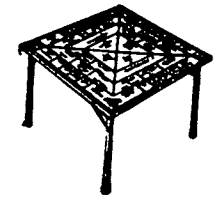

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IDENTIFICATION OF ALTAR

Of course you did not recognize the photograph on page 9 as a parish altar, because a layman of this diocese, believing that the home must recapture the centrality of prayer life as the parish must recapture the centrality of the Holy Communion, constructed this oratory for the use of his family as a place set apart for prayers and devotions in the home.

It is in one end of a bedroom closet enclosed by swinging white silk curtains. It is made of simple and accessible materials. The descending Holy Spirit and The Reigning Christ are home carved and are against the closet wall painted a deep blue. The arched ceiling is beaverboard painted a lighter blue. The background for the altar is striped gift wrapping paper. The two vases were sawed from a discarded electric fixture. Red paper cutouts spelling out the three fold sanctus are pasted on the frontal which is a linen bureau cover. In themselves insignificant materials, but all combined to the Glory of God.

Why does one go to such preparation for morning and bedtime prayers? Because we all need every aid to train our self-centered lives in the practice of prayer by which is established, cultivated and nourished a vital love-relationship with Him. Here in the busy home of a growing family there is always available this altar where the welcoming outstretched arms of Christ the King will receive His child coming to Him with prayers.

Here mother, father and children may "retreat" and hear God's voice, and may "be still and know" with an increased awareness and realization of the assured presence of God. Here each member of the family may offer his adoration, his contrition, his thanksgiving, his supplication, and lift his mind and heart to God.

At this oratory they can prepare themselves for the temptations of the day and for the resolutions of services to Him. At night they can give thanks for the blessings of the gift of life. Each member of the family knowing that Christ waits for him at the altar to receive his love, develops in himself a compulsive force to be with and in Christ. No home is too small to have such a place for God. No one is too busy to give such time to the worship of God. Prepare such a place, use it daily, and be filled with grace and Heavenly benediction.

In God's Keeping . . .

Mr. Arthur Norton Goodfellow, a vestryman at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, died Jan. 16 and was buried from the church Jan. 19.

Mr. Frank H. Moss, a former vestryman of St. Asaph's Church, Bala, a trustee of the Church Foundation, and a member of the Committee for the Endowment of the Episcopate, died Jan. 20 and was buried from St. Asaph's Church Jan. 23. He was the father of the Rev. Frank H. Moss, Jr., rector of Trinity Church, Fredericksburg, Va.

Mrs. N. Irene Paynter, wife of the Editor of THE CHURCH NEWS, died Jan. 20. Bishop Hart read the burial service in the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, Jan. 23.

Mr. Frank Williamson, father of the Rev. Frank Williamson, Jr., vicar of St. Michael's Chapel, Yeadon, died on Jan. 22 and was buried from the chapel in Yeadon on Jan. 24.

The Rev. Joseph Webster Watts, retired former rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ocean City, N. J., died Jan. 22 and was buried Jan. 26. He was born in Philadelphia, lived since his retirement in Bala, and died in the Episcopal Hospital.

Mrs. Charles H. Bardsley, long an active worker in St. George's Church, West Philadelphia, died Jan. 21 and was buried Jan. 24. Mrs. Bardsley had been secretary of the Ladies' Guild of the parish for over fifty years and her husband served a long time as Rector's Warden.

Mr. Louis H. Farrell, a vestryman of St. Luke's Church, Bustleton, died Jan. 27 and was buried from the parish church Jan. 31.

Mrs. Edwin B. Garrigues, formerly organist of the French Church of St. Sauveur, died Jan. 29 and was buried Feb. 2.

The Rev. John K. Shryock, rector of Grace and the Incarnation Church, Edgemont and Venango Streets, died Feb. 5 and was buried from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Feb. 9. Born and educated in Philadelphia, he served as a missionary in China for the first ten years of his ministry. He had been dean of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, an Examining Chaplain, and a member of the Board of Managers of the Episcopal Hospital, where he died.

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BEQUESTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS

At the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, two silver cruets have been given in memory of the late T. J. Ninesteel, a devoted vestryman, by his family. In his memory also the Stirup Club and the Altar Guild of the parish gave a silver lavabo. Through the estate of the late Anna L. Shindler the same church received a new amplifier and speaker, bearing an appropriately inscribed tablet. The Stirup Club has voted to pay a share of the cost of the manger scene and place it as a memorial to the late Charles N. Kuhnle, choirmaster and organist. The same Club is planning to establish an endowment for a music fund.

Two Chancel Prayer Books recently dedicated at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church were presented by the women of the Parish in loving memory of Marietta T. C. Silliman and Margaretta C. Hodgson.

On St. Paul's Day at St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, a set of green Ridel curtains was dedicated in loving memory of Mary Jane Mactague, who died Nov. 5, 1946.

Through the will of the late Grace Louise Hoffman, St. Clement's Church has received some Four Thousand Dollars to be added to the Neill Coal and Summer Week Funds, now known as "The Neill-Randall Charity Fund;" One Hundred Dollars for The Woman's Auxiliary United Thank Offering, and also One Hundred Dollars for The Guild of All Souls. The generous parishioner who gave Two Thousand Dollars in December, which was added to the Endowment Fund, has now given an additional Three Thousand Dollars.

Mr. Frank H. Moss, who died Jan. 20, bequeathed $25,000 for the Endowment of the Episcopate and $10,000 for St. Asaph's Church, Bala.

At All Hallows Church, Wyncote, memorials for the altar in the Primary Department of the Sunday School have been received as follows: a cross as a baptismal thank offering in memory of Carol Johnson and Susan Burich; a pair of candlesticks in memory of Martha Bolton.

ANTHOLOGY OF ENGLISH CHURCH MUSIC

The Diocesan Commission on Music will sponsor the playing of recordings of a new anthology of English Church Music to be heard at the Philadelphia Divinity School, 42nd and Spruce Streets, Tuesday, March 3rd, at 8:00 P.M.

The clergy and all organists and choir-directors in the Diocese are urged to be present.

EVANGELISM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ARDMORE

Mr. Robert E. MacDougall has resigned as Accounting Warden of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, to take on the chairmanship of the Committee on Evangelism. Men and women are being asked to serve on the Evangelism Committee which, in several ways, will act as Rector's Assistants. The project includes the following specific details of effort; Lay calling on new members, prospective members, non-attenders, sick persons; Literature distribution on the work of parish organizations; Greeting people, before and after service; Special Sundays for laymen; Every Member Canvass, parish questionaire, "Gallup Poll" on parish opinions; Coffee hour, before morning services during Lent; Neighborhood meetings in homes; Interesting people in Sunday Adult Bible Class; Neighborhood surveys about un-churched people.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The Rev. Nathanael B. Groton became rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, in 1913 and was married to Anna Constance Heffern Nov. 5, in the same year.

In 1913 the Rev. James M. Niblo, rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School, was made a Deacon in May, and advanced to the Priesthood in December.

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IN THE DIOCESE

A group of ten boys, mostly of the 9th grade in school, have been organized in a new chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh. The new organization is known as The Midget Chapter.

The Players' Guild of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, arranged to present a play at St. Anna's Home, 2016 Race Street.

Mrs. Ethel Van Winkle and Mrs. Mary Walters, Supervisors, have resigned from their positions at the Burd School because of ill health. Miss Gloria Keaton, a former Burd School girl, is now the Second Dormitory Supervisor. Mrs. Dorothy Hibbs is now supervising the Sewing Room.

On February 17 a service was held in St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, for the dedication of the new pipe organ which has been completed after several years of careful planning.

Dr. Howard Kee of the Department of Religious Thought of the University of Pennsylvania, recently gave an illustrated talk on "A Trip Through The Holy Land" to the Canterbury Club at St. Mary's Church. 39th and Locust Streets.

In Christ Church 2d and Market Streets, on Feb. 22 an interfaith worship service was conducted by the rector, the Rev. E. A. de Bordenave, and Rabbi David H. Wice, of Rodeph Shalom Synagogue.

At All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, the group formerly known as the Married Couples Organization, is now known as The Bell Ringers.

Through the distribution of "ditty-bags" by the Seamen's Church Institute and the Christian Endeavor Union of Pennsylvania, over 2500 merchant seamen were given a taste of friendly Christmas thought and feeling while serving in the port or sailing out of it during the holiday season.

The Rev. Norman C. Farnlof, rector, and the choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 3d and Reed Streets, recently conducted a Sunday afternoon service at the Masonic Home, Broad and Ontario Streets.

St. Mary's Men's Club of Ardmore makes an annual award to the boy of the parish who is judged to have been outstanding in service to St. Mary's Church and to the community throughout the year.

For several months a "friend" who is not a resident of this city has been paying for newspaper advertisements for the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets.

The Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, Director of Religious Education, recently gave a talk on St. Anthony of the Desert to the men and boys of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Young People's Group of All Saints' Parish, Rhawnhurst, has undertaken the project of procuring for the parish a 16 mm sound moving picture projector.

Mr. Ronald J. McCarthy, Bursar of the Philadelphia Divinity School, recently addressed a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown.

The diocesan Quinquagesima Worship Service of the Young People's Fellowship was held in the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, Sunday evening, Feb. 15. The speaker was the Rev. Alfred H. Whisler, curate of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook.

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